

New Car Dealer Breaks Ground For Showroom

Construction was started this week on a nearly-a-half million dollar new car dealer showroom at Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo avenue.

The new structure with a 36-foot frontage on Cabrillo avenue is due to be completed by April 1. Paul Lorange, owner of the agency said yesterday.

Floor space will allow for the display of three new cars with the rear portion of the building divided into two levels for office and storage space.

Interior of the showroom will be lighted by 15 four-line slim tubes and six spotlights. The building was designed by Withery and Novikoff of Los Angeles. Hahn St. John is the contractor.

RAILS MOVE FREIGHT

Railroads in 1948 moved 64.2 per cent of the commercial inter-city freight traffic of the U. S. inland waterways, 15.3 per cent; pipelines, 11.8 per cent, and trucks, 8.7 per cent.

Couple Thank Lions For Use of Donated Incubator

Heartfelt thanks from the parents of a three and-a-half pound baby, was extended to the Lions Club this week in a letter by Mr. and Mrs. Clive Wallace, parents of the small newborn.

The Wallaces' baby arrived in an incubator at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The couple expressed their appreciation to the Lions Club when they discovered the incubator had been furnished to the hospital by the local club and that no charge would be made for the use of the baby's first crib.

Said the Wallaces in a letter to Dr. Don C. Moshos, president of the club:

Gentlemen:

... we wonder if we can express our heartfelt relief and thanks when we were informed at the hospital that the incubator had been donated by your club with the understanding that it was free of charge to those that needed it.

We would not know how long ago your club donated this incubator but if every one who has had a need of it has felt as thankful as we do I'm sure their sincere thanks should in

Family 'Y' Night Held

A family "Y" night on last Thursday evening attracted more than 100 persons to the Higgins Brickyard, where boys and girls of the North Torrance Y.M.C.A. clubs and their parents enjoyed motion pictures and refreshments.

Frank Lush, volunteer worker for youth groups in the North Torrance area, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Lush and a committee of mothers served following the meeting.

GALES DEFINED
Winds of 28 to 34 miles an hour are called moderate gales. Some small way repay you. Yours very truly, Clive and Barbara Wallace, 958 West Maple street, Torrance, California.

Guardsmen Tell Eligibility Requirements

Members of the armed services including the National Guard as well as any serviceman with an honorable discharge were reminded this week they are eligible for membership in the Legion of Guardsmen, according to Mike Barrett, commander of the Dr. F. H. Raer Post No. 7.

Those wishing more information on the local post are urged to contact Barrett at his home, 1668 West 224th street.

Officers of the post for 1950 installed in rites held in Whimington on January 14 include: Barrett, commander; Aaron Vaughn, senior vice-commander; Joseph Winkler, junior vice-commander; William A. Peterson, quartermaster; Herbert R. Burgess, quartermaster sergeant; G. R. Hight, sergeant-major; Duncan S. Harvey, chaplain; Conrad Wilkins, officer-of-the-day; Harry Ramskill, captain of the guard; Robert Lewellen, bugler; and Robert Lewellen, Thomas Ramskill, and G. R. Hight, trustees.

Riviera Woman Regrets Poison, Falls Dead

"I've just done a terrible thing," a Hollywood Riviera woman told her employer over the telephone last Friday, "I've taken poison."

A moment later, as he told her to take an antidote, she murmured, "... too late, too late, too late..." and slumped to the floor dead, the receiver clattering on the floor.

The woman, Mrs. Eleanor Painter, an attractive 44-year-old divorcee, wrote in a three-page farewell letter to her family that she was lonely and would have liked to marry again. "but you can't pick husbands out of thin air."

Her employer, John O. Akin, a Long Beach attorney, said she had called him early Friday morning to say she was ill and wanted the day off. Her daughter and son-in-law, with whom she made her home at 204 Paseo de Granada, said she had seemed morose when they left the house about 8 a.m.

Akin told police he telephoned a Redondo Beach physician from his office and hurried to Mrs. Painter's home when he heard the telephone receiver drop. He arrived simultaneously with the physician. The South Bay life-guard emergency crew was summoned and attempted to revive the woman without avail.

The coroner's office said death occurred from an overdose of sleeping pills.

Mrs. Painter, a native of Arkansas, who had come to Torrance six months ago, was survived by her mother, Mrs. Daisy Ann Brice, La Canada; one son, Richard Brice Allen of Torrance, and a daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Olson, with whom she lived; two sisters, Mrs. Leone Camp and Mrs. Lena Mae Christy; and two brothers, Charles B. Brice of Peoria, Ariz., and Elmo M. Brice, Los Angeles.

Services and interment were at Forest Lawn cemetery Monday, Rev. Bernard Traville of The First Baptist Church of La Canada officiating.

Seek School Aids

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Torrance Board of Education, and Dr. J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent of Torrance Schools, participated January 28 at Pasadena in a round table discussion aimed at the development of more effective cooperation of boards of education, teachers, students, parents and civic groups. Dr. Hull told the Herald. The meeting was sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity.

Reflections

By J. Hugh Sherley, Jr.

"Defend Americanism? Why?"

It is the finest system of decency that the world has ever seen. The profit and loss system is the only system that lets a man keep his self-respect — the only system where decent men act with decency — the only system that has conquered famine and plagues — the only system where fair play counts and justice is understood, honored, sought. This profit and loss system is the only one in history that ever guaranteed life and liberty, the only one in which men may ever hope for the pursuit of happiness.

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DR. ALFRED REDISCH OPENS OFFICE HERE

Chiropodist Opens New Office Here

Dr. Alfred Redisch, Alhambra chiropodist, announced this week the opening of an office in Torrance to be located upstairs in the building at 1337 El Prado.

Dr. Redisch attended the University of California before entering the Ohio College of Chiropody. He later attended the California College of Chiropody where he undertook post graduate work.

He is a veteran of five years duty with the U. S. Army including two years service on the Hawaiian Islands.

Dr. and Mrs. Redisch are currently living in Alhambra but plan to move to Torrance as soon as proper housing becomes available.

Television Set 'Disappears' From Store

A \$300 television set disappeared from El Prado Furniture Company at 1306 Sartori avenue Tuesday while employees were out for ten minutes, police were told. Frank Dominguez, who reported the disappearance, said he thought the set was stolen.

Attack

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to Lincoln avenue then to Cabrillo avenue to Sepulveda boulevard. He turned off Sepulveda onto Ocean avenue, going east on Ocean to a dirt road leading into the offside a block west of Normandie avenue where the attack took place.

The little girl said that after the man parked he reached into the glove compartment of the truck and brought out a can. After tugging and tugging at the top he poured some of the "water" onto a greasy rag and told the girl he was going to wipe her nose. He clamped an ether-soaked rag over her mouth.

"He burned my nose and I got real dizzy and then I don't remember any more until I woke up and he was dressing me," the child told officers.

Dr. Rodney Stetson told police after examining the girl, that she had been violated. Three medical authorities examined the girl and reported that she definitely had been anesthetized with ether.

"The man asked me if there was an alley behind my house and I told him 'yes'. We drove down the alley and he stopped in back of my house and I climbed out the window," the child told her mother.

"A man just put water in my face and it made me dizzy," she said to her mother after entering her home.

A state-wide telecast of the attacker was put on the wire.

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Darby Pushes 15 Acre Park For El Nido

The El Nido District, an unincorporated area lying between the cities of Redondo Beach and Torrance, is slated for improvement in the near future if Supervisor Raymond V. Darby's proposed plans materialize.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Darby brought up the serious lack of school and recreational facilities in that fast developing section. He asked for a survey of the possibilities for purchasing a park site of approximately 15 acres bounded on the north by 182nd Street, on the west and southwest by the Santa Fe Railway and on the east by Kingsdale avenue.

The Supervisors instructed Regional Planning and Parks and Recreation Departments to study the feasibility of such a project in the area. County Counsel and the Chief Administration Officer were instructed to have the property appraised and funds budgeted for acquisition next year, if some appropriation adjustments could not be made during this fiscal year.

New Gas Rates Now In Effect

Gas bills here and in nearby environs took a jump yesterday as new interim rates recently established by the Public Utilities Commission became effective.

According to an announcement made by the Southern California Gas Company, the new rates will apply to gas used on and after February 1, which means that for meters read during February the charges will be prorated on a daily average basis between the old and the new rates.

The Public Utilities Commission has prescribed a new system of zone rates for general service gas customers. The new rates are divided into six levels, designed to reflect the differences in the costs of service to various cities and unincorporated areas. Individual customers will receive a notice enclosed with their February gas bill showing the rate applying in their area.

As might be expected, rates in more densely populated areas are in general lower than in unincorporated areas. Generally, too, households using gas in larger volumes will experience the least percentage increase, and the new zoning system will result in an actual reduction in cost in some instances.

OLD COVERED BRIDGE

A covered bridge in Lucerne, Switzerland, built in 1333 is believed to be the oldest span still existing.

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Painter Festered By Puffering

Things were moving a bit too fast for Larry T. Ward last Tuesday, he felt. Police Ward, who lives at 453 Calle de Aragon, Hollywood Riviera, said he was packing the interior of a house at 1023 Aragon avenue and when he finished he afterward changed from overalls to trousers, he learned \$18 was gone from his billfold.

He went to the police station to report the theft, and when he returned a few minutes later, he said, a \$40 sander had been stolen during his absence.

Birgitta

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ence in aviation. "I tried all the aircraft factories which you have so many here on the West Coast of America. But everywhere I applied they told me they could not take me without being investigated by the Army Intelligence.

"The Army told me I would first have to get a job with an aircraft factory before they would start an investigation of me."

"Pretty soon the \$15,000 we had brought with us ran out. Money in America seems to go so fast."

When the Eklund pocketbook began to go dry, it was Mrs. Eklund who came up with an idea. They could make Swedish cookies, favored the world-around, and sell them.

Expensive equipment and cookie boxes took almost all of the Eklund's remaining cash. Lack of proper promotion and advertising kept the business from being enough of a success to support a family of five.

The newcomers to America trekked. They gave up their business in Redondo Beach and moved what little equipment they could salvage to their home in Hollywood Riviera.

Then the accident happened! Birgitta, helping her mother make cookies, got her hand caught in the mechanical cookie cutter. She screamed—and then for six hours she watched, never losing consciousness, while doctors at the hospital removed her hand from the machine. The machine had to be taken to the hospital to perform the operation.

The accident cost the blonde-haired blue-eyed Swedish girl all but the thumb of her right hand. That was last Wednesday.

The bill at the Torrance Memorial Hospital mounted rapidly. The Eklunds had no money left. But neighbors of the Swedish family in Hollywood Riviera heard of the plight of the young immigrants and soon collected \$384—enough to pay doctor bills and hospital expenses amounting to \$342.

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